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In re the Application of Bernier et al.

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For: Chemical Composition that Attract Arthropods

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application, filed simultaneously herewith:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 10-14,16-19, 21,31-35,37, 38, 39, 41-42. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the canceled subject matter.

Please add new claims 43-96

--43. (Newly Added) The composition of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula 1 is lactic acid, pyruvic acid, glycolic acid, thiolactic acid, tartaric acid, or an acceptable salt thereof .--